The details of works sanctioned for improvement of National Highways in Gujarat during the last five years are as under:—

| Sl. No | Year | Number of proposals Sanctioned | Sanction Amount (Rs in crore) | Expenditure (Rs in crore) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2003-04 | 18 | 83.25 | 68.55 |
| 2. | 2004-05 | 39 | 87.40 | 53.64 |
| 3. | 2005-06 | 29 | 89.20 | 94.50 |
| 4. | 2006-07 | 23 | 96.52 | 60.00 |
| 5. | 2007-08 | 28 | 127.30 | 62.00 |

During the current year 24 proposals amounting to Rs 235.15 crore have been sanctioned so far.

**Road construction on BOT basis**

†1971. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present road construction in the country is being carried out on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) policy;

(b) if so, the percentage of total road construction carried out in the year 2008 under the above said policy; and

(c) the extent of expansion decided to be carried out by Government in future under this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under National Highway Development Project (NHDP), in the year 2008 (upto 30th November, 2008), out of a length of 2151 km. for which construction has been completed, 1042 km. has been constructed under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) policy *i.e.* 48.44%.

(c) It has been decided by the Government that all national highways under various phases of NHDP from NHDP Phase-III onwards will be undertaken on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) mode.

**Subsidy for ship building industry**

1972. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy scheme for ship building industry has expired;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to revive the subsidy scheme for ship building industry for its promotion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Shipbuilding Subsidy Scheme extended on 25th October, 2002 by the Government to all the shipyards, including private sector shipyards, expired on 14th August, 2007. A proposal for Liquidation of Committed Liability for payment of subsidy for ongoing shipbuilding contracts entered upto 14th August, 2007, the date of expiry of the subsidy scheme is under consideration.

(c) and (d) A proposal for revival of the shipbuilding subsidy scheme as per the terms to be decided by the competent authority is under consideration.

**Elevated road on NH-9**

1973. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the proposal of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, sent to his Ministry, for constructing a elevated 36 K.M. long four-lane road from BHEL, Ramachandrapuram to Hayathnagar on NH-9 which is urgently required to be sanctioned in view of heavy traffic and clogging of the road;

(b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the proposal; and

(c) by when this four-lane road is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, such proposal has been received in the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Safety of pedestrians from road accidents**

1974. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 90 per cent of pedestrians feel unsafe while crossing roads as per a survey conducted by Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) and nearly 280 people die in road accidents every day in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the road safety measures taken by Government to control the accidents;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to have a national policy on road safety so that campaigns can be formulated and carried out in a sustained manner; and